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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN PROPOSAL TO SPEED UP RENEGOTIATION OF US-GOR
CULTURAL RELATIONS AGREEMENT.

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1. WHEN SEEING MACOVESCU OFF THIS MORNING, I HAD THE CHANCE TO ASK
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA WHAT HAD PROMPTED THEIR
UNEXPECTED PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL CULTURAL AGREEMENT TO BE
SIGNED DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. HE SAID THAT SINCE AMBASSADOR
BOGDAN HAD CABLED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS PREPARING TO PRESENT
A DRAFT, MFA HAD DECIDED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PRESENT
THEIR OWN DRAFT, PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS WAS THE ONLY AGREEMENT
WHICH HAD A CHANCE OF BEING READY BY THE TIME THE SECRETARY
ARRIVED.

2. I NOTED WE WERE IN GOOD ENOUGH SHAPE TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS
IF THAT WAS WHAT THE SECRETARY DESIRED, BUT EXPLAINED WHY
I FELT IT MADE MORE SENSE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS
LATER IN THE YEAR AS EARLIER PROPOSED. GLIGA SAID THE ROMANIAN
SIDE WAS NOT INSISTING AND WOULD UNDERSTAND IF WE DECIDED WE
PREFERRED TO STICK TO THE EARLIER TIME TABLE.

3. REFTEL B) JUST RECEIVED. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT AND
HELPFUL RESPONSE. WE WILL SEEK ROMANIAN AGREEMENT TO PROPOSED
DATES, ALTHOUGH AS MENTIONED IN EARLIER MESSAGE THERE MAY BE
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PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF IMPENDING PARTY CONGRESS. THE DATES ARE

FEASIBLE FROM OUR STANDPOINT IN ANY EVENT. PAO HAS
APPOINTMENT AT MFA MORNING OCTOBER 21.
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